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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12-40 are canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claims in a later filed divisional application(s). Claims 9-11 and 41-43 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Claims 1-8 are pending.

Election/Restriction

Applicants acknowledge the rejoinder of Groups I and II, claims 1-8 and 30-32. Claims 1-8 and 30-32 are deemed free of prior art and were allowed. However, upon review of the pending claims it was noted that claims 30-32 are dependent on claims 28 and 29, which were not examined with the currently elected group (Group I). Instead, claims 28-29 form Group V, drawn to nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleotide sequence of HPV31 L1 that is recognized in yeast.

As such, Applicants submit that claims 30-32, which depend from claims 28 and 29, should properly be examined with Group V. In a telephonic conversation with Examiner Salimi on Monday, February 5, 2007, Applicants confirmed that upon cancellation of claims 30-32 herein, these claims will be added to Group V and examined with claims 28 and 29, should Group V become the subject of a later-filed divisional application.

Summary

Claims 1-8 are currently pending and are allowed. All non-elected claims, including claims 30-32, which should properly be examined with Group V claims 28 and 29, are canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claims in a later filed divisional application(s). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in proper form for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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